

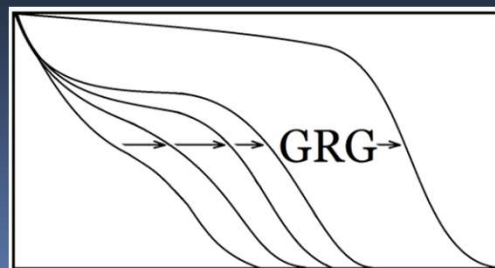
ETHEL CATERHAM, 116

VALIDATION AS WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON

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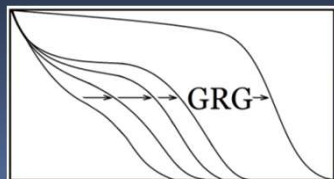


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Basic validation information



- Full name: **Ethel May Caterham**
- Lifespan: **(21.08.1909 – present)**
- Age: **116 years**
- Birthplace: **UK (England)**
- Last residence: **UK (England)**
- Application date: **29.02.2020**
- Validation date: **28.01.2023**
- Validation source: **Oliver Trim/Dr. Wacław Jan KroczeK**



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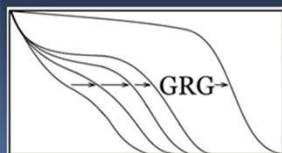
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Longevity Titles

- **Doyenne of the United Kingdom** (22.01.2022 – present)
- **Oldest living person in Europe** (19.08.2024 – present)
- **Oldest British person ever** (07.04.2025 – present)
- **Oldest living person** (30.04.2025 – present)

Validation

The case of Ethel Caterham was verified by Oliver Trim and Dr. Wacław Jan Kroczyk, then validated by the GRG on January 28 2023.

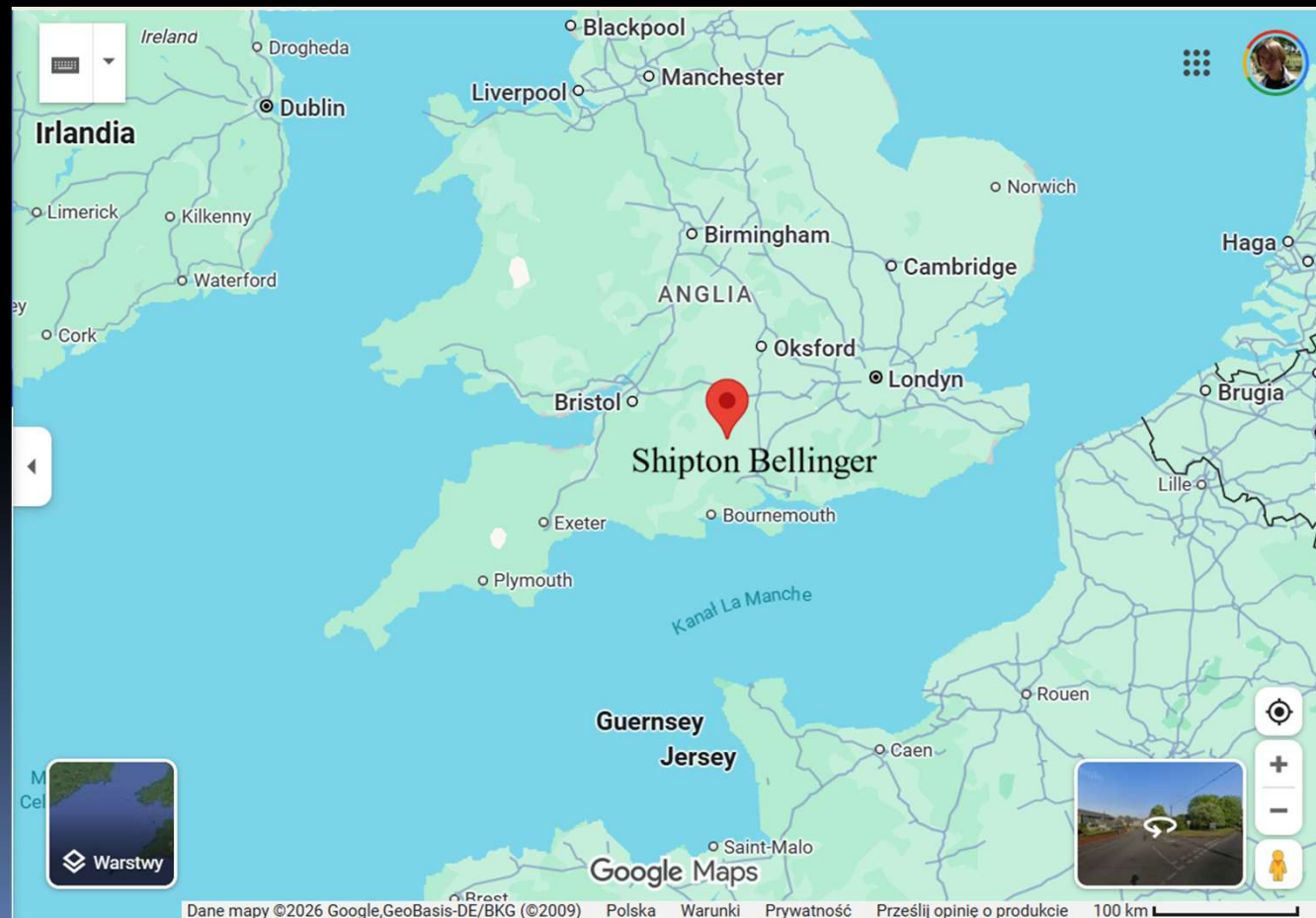


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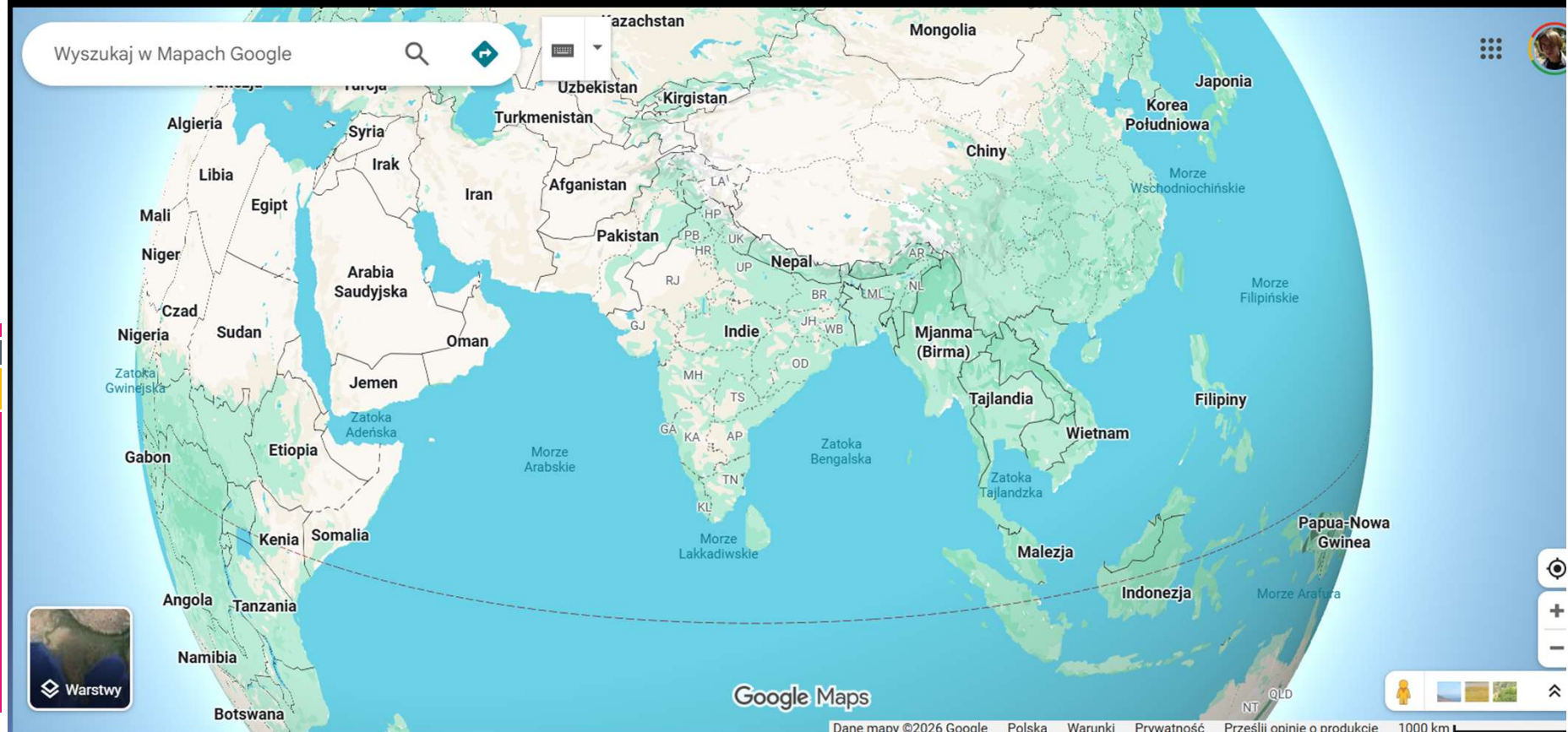
Biography

- Ethel May Collins, born August 21 1909, in Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, England, and raised in Tidworth, Wiltshire, was the second-youngest of eight siblings born to Alfred Willie and Fanny Collins.

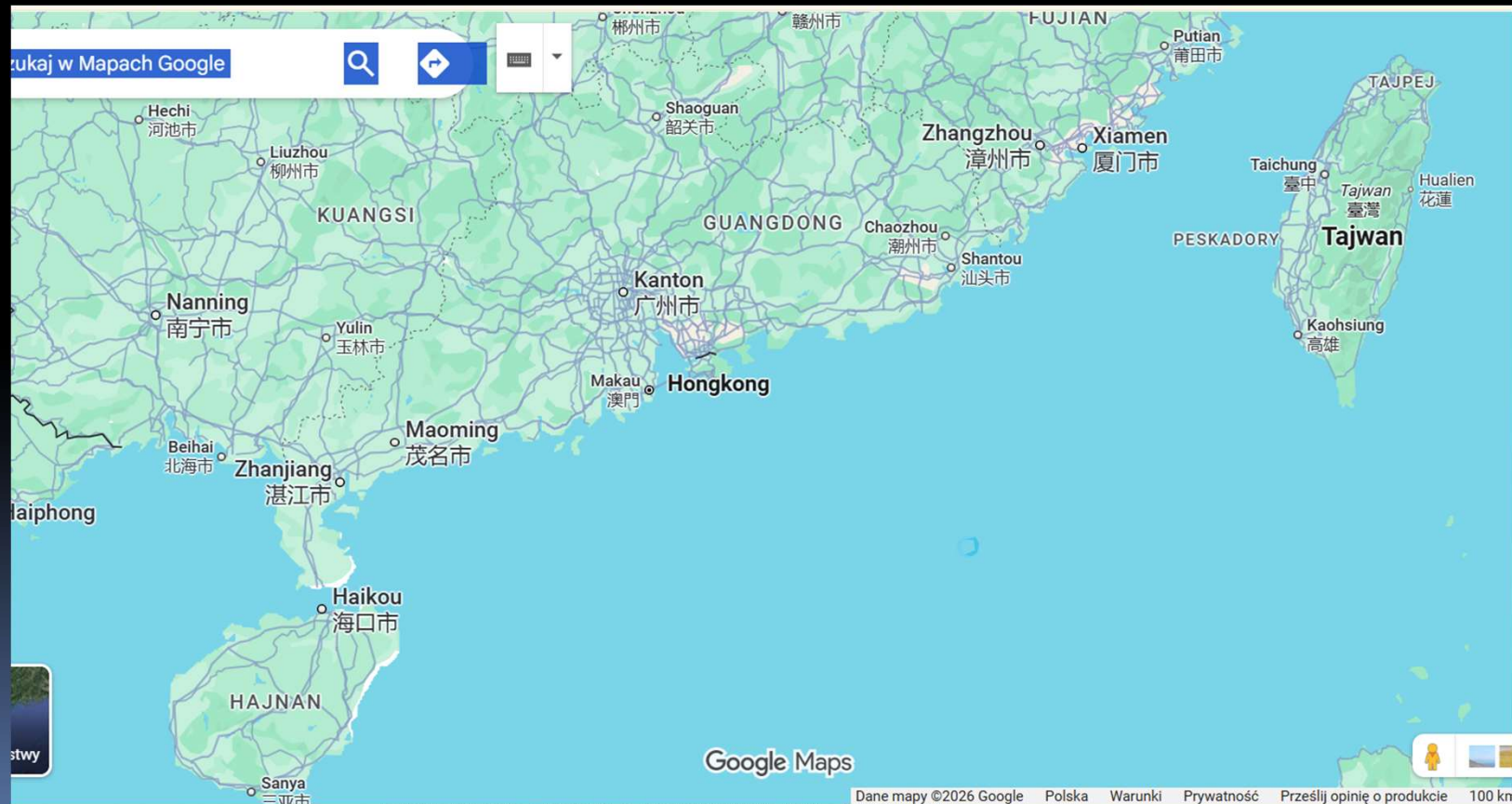




- In 1927, at the age of 18, Ethel embarked on a journey to India, working as a nanny for a British family. Her solo voyage to India by ship lasted three weeks, and she spent three years there before returning to England.

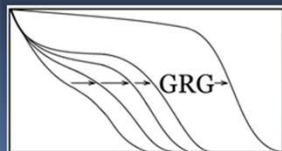
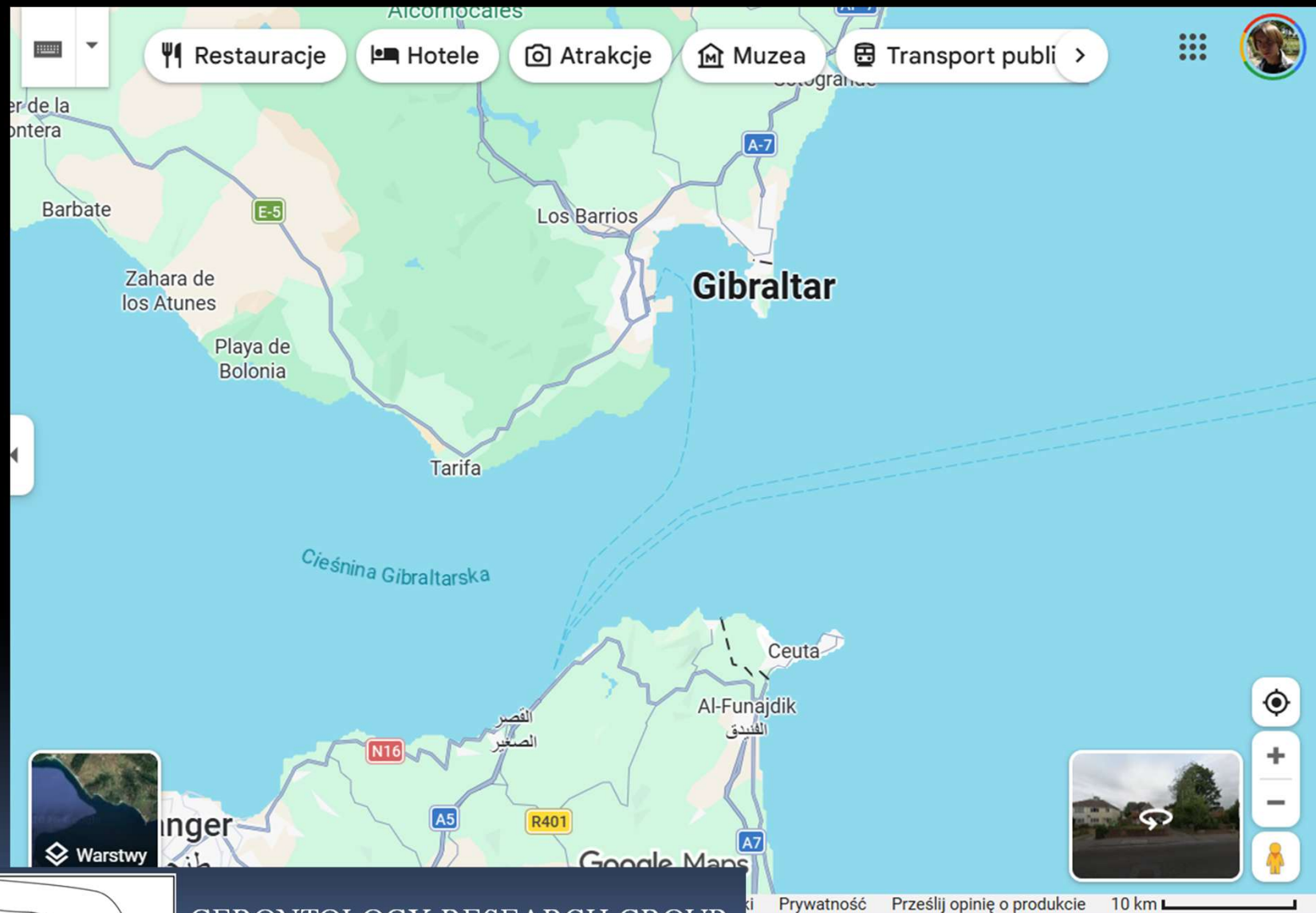


- In 1931, Ethel met her future husband, Norman Caterham (1905–1976), a major in the British Army, at a dinner party. Their love story culminated in marriage on February 18 1933. They initially lived in Harnham, England, before being stationed in Hong Kong and Gibraltar.



- During her time in Hong Kong, Ethel established a nursery for local and British children, where she taught English, games, and crafts. In Gibraltar, she and her husband started a family, ultimately raising two daughters in the UK. Sadly, Norman passed away in 1976.

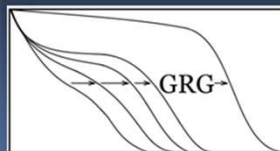




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- ❖ In her later life, Ethel Caterham has resided in Surrey, England, for over five decades. Remarkably, she continued to drive until she was 97 years old and remained an avid bridge player well into her centenarian years. Currently, she resides in a care home in Lightwater, Surrey.



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- In 2020, at the age of 110, Ethel Caterham contracted COVID-19 during the global coronavirus pandemic. Fortunately, she made a successful recovery, becoming one of the oldest known survivors of the disease.



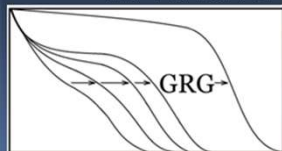
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- ❖ To celebrate her 111th birthday in August 2020, Ethel Caterham enjoyed a tea party and had a special visit from the Mayor of Surrey Heath. A week before this milestone, she and her granddaughter were interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey, providing a glimpse into her remarkable life and experiences.



- Caterham became the oldest known living person in Surrey following the death of 109-year-old Kay Hurley on 17 January 2019. She later became the oldest known living person in the United Kingdom following the death of 112-year-old Mollie Walker on 22 January 2022.
- In August 2022, Caterham celebrated her 113th birthday, making her the first person in the United Kingdom to reach this age since Olive Boar in 2017.
- Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022, Caterham became one of only two people in the United Kingdom (along with Rose Eaton) to have been a subject of both Edward VII and Charles III. Following the death of Rose Eaton on 7 October 2022, Caterham became the last living person in the United Kingdom to have been born in the 1900s decade and also the last surviving British subject of Edward VII.
- Following the death of Lucile Randon on 17 January 2023, Caterham became the second-oldest known (validated) living person in Europe, after Maria Branyas Morera of Spain. She is also the oldest known (validated) living person born in Europe (as Branyas Morera was not born in Europe).
- Following the death of Ada Thompson on 13 March 2023, Caterham became the last known surviving British person born before 1911.
- Following the death of Nina Willis of the USA on 17 May 2023, Caterham entered the top 10 oldest validated living people.
- Following the death of Ushi Makishi of Japan on 4 July 2023, Caterham became the eighth-oldest living person in the world whose age is validated by the GRG.
- In August 2023, Caterham celebrated her 114th birthday, making her the first person in the



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in 2014, and the first British-born person

- ❖ In August 2023, Ethel Caterham celebrated her 114th birthday, becoming the first person in the United Kingdom to reach this age since Ethel Lang in 2014 and the first British-born person to do so since Phyllis Ridgway of Canada in 2021.
- ❖ On celebrating her 115th birthday in August 2024, Ethel became one of only three people from the UK to reach this age. She was also the first to do so since November 1999.
- ❖ Ethel surpassed the final age of Charlotte Hughes (1877-1993) on April 7 2025, becoming the oldest British person ever. In August 2025, Ethel turned 116, making her the only British-born person to reach this age. Shortly after turning 116, she was visited at her care home by King Charles III, reigning monarch of the UK.
- ❖ On the sad passing of Inah Canabarro Lucas on April 30 2025, Ethel is now the oldest known and validated person living. Her age and achievement is recognised by Guinness World Records. Ethel is also the last person in the world, whose age is validated, born before 1910.

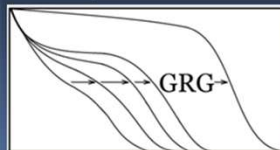
Birth index (1909)

Ethel May Collins

in the [England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915](#)

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<u>Name:</u>	<u>Ethel May Collins</u>
<u>Registration Year:</u>	1909
<u>Registration Quarter:</u>	<u>Jul-Aug-Sep</u>
<u>Registration district:</u>	<u>Andover</u>
Parishes for this Registration District:	View Ecclesiastical Parishes associated with this Registration District
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Birth record (1909)

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT					ANDOVER				
1909	BIRTH in the Sub-district of Amport				in the County of Hants				

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration

23	Twentyfirst August 1909 Shipton Hants	Ethel May	girl	Alfred Willie Collins	Fanny Collins formerly Shears	Woodman	Fanny Collins Mother Shipton	Twentysecond September 1909	Thomas John Baxter Registrar	
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

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2023



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England and Wales Census 1911

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

Number of Schedule 64
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE last Birthday and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.			PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			Wife "Single," "Married," or "Widow," or other Relative, or "Visitor," or "Servant."	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one month," or "one month," etc.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.) Total Children Born Alive. Children still Living. Children who have died.	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.			
1 William Collins	Head	42	Married	16	7	woodman	563	Winton	Winton		
2 Fanny Collins	Wife	43	Married	16	7			Winton	Winton		
3 Gladys Collins	daughter	12				school	390		Winton		
4 Lester Collins	Son	10				school			Winton		
5 Cyril Collins	Son	8				school			Winton		
6 Nora Collins	daughter	6				school			Winton		
7 Evelyn Collins	daughter	4				school			Winton		
8 Ethel Collins	daughter	2				school			Winton		
9 Samuel Shears	visitor	37	Widower			Woodman	563	Winton	Winton		
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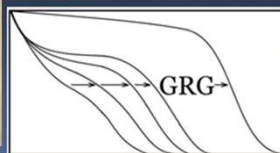
(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

number of Rooms in this house, or Apartment, a room but do not count lobby, closet, bathroom; shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Fanny Collins

Postal Address Winton



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of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who		For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Wife "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—			Whether Working at Home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea."		State whether (1) "British," (2) "Naturalized," (3) "Of foreign birth," (4) "Of foreign birth, naturalized."
(1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	Ages of Males. Ages of Females.	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted, if less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7).	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	Write the words "At Home" opposite the names of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	Or (3) If of foreign birth, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
William Collins	Head	43		Married 16	7				Winterslow	
Fanny Collins	Wife	43		Married 16	7	7			Winterslow	
Gladys Collins	daughter	12							Winterslow	
Lester Collins	Son	10							Shipton	
Evelyn Collins	Son	8							Shipton	
Morah Collins	daughter	6							Shipton	
Emily Collins	daughter	4							Shipton	
Ethel Collins	daughter	2							Shipton	
									Winterslow	



1921 England Census

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To be filled up by the Enumerator.
No. of
Household 62

NAME and Surname	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY	Personal Description	OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT	Place of Work	Information required only in respect of Married Men, Widowers and Widows
1 Alfred Wilks Collins	Head	52 y. 4 m.	M.	Married	Wiltshire Wilton	Labourer Woodwork	Over Account 640	No fixed place at home	Number and ages of all living children under 16 years of age, whether enumerated on this Schedule or not, viz. whether residing as members of this household or elsewhere.
2 Young Collins	Wife	55 6	F.	Married	Wiltshire Wilton	Home Duties			
3 Cyril Collins	Son	14	M.	Single	Hampshire Shipham	Groundsman's 92/1 Labourer	Excl. Palmer Out of Work	Knockin Hill at home	
4 Ronald Collins	Daughter	16	F.	Single	"	"	County School	Shipham	
5 Evelyn Collins	Daughter	14 2	F.	Single	"	"	"	"	
6 Ethel Collins	Daughter	11 9	F.	Single	"	"	"	"	
7 Douglas Collins	Son	7 4	M.	Single	"	"	"	"	
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To be filled up by the Enumerator.
Wife, Son, Daughter, Grandchild, etc.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Alfred Wilks Collins, Shipham, Wiltshire, 14th March 1921.
(Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for making the return.)



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1	Alfred Walter Collins	Head	52	y.	4	Married	{	Walter
2	Fanny Collins	Wife	52	b	7	Married	{	Walter
3	Cyril Collins	Son	14	-	11	Single	{	Walter
4	Reuben Collins	Daughter	11	-	7	Single	{	Walter
5	Evelyn Collins	Daughter	11	2	7	Single	{	Walter
6	Ethel Collins	Daughter	11	9	7	Single	{	Walter
7	Douglas Collins	Son	9	4	11	Single	{	Walter



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1	Alfred Wilbur Collins	Head	53	7	M	Married	{ Wilbur
2	Fanny Collins	Wife	53	6	F	Married	{ Wilbur
3	Cyril Collins	Son	14	-	M	Single	{ Harry
4	Norah Collins	Daughter	16	-	F	Single	{ Sh
5	Evelyn Collins	Daughter	14	2	F		{ both alive
6	Ethel Collins	Daughter	11	9	F		{ b
7	Douglas Collins	Son	9	4	M		{ b



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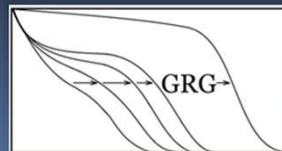
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Steamship Line *Gillman & Buchan & Co. Ltd.*

Date of Arrival *May 1930*
Whence Arrived *Karachi*

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						Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female								
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DO.	DO.	HASTINGS, ISOBEL MARY	S.W. 1	"	—			7						DO.	X				
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DO.	DO.	HANNAY, JOHN	46, ST. PETER'S RD. FAIRFIELD, BILTON, DERBY.	"	MERCHANT		50							DO.	X				
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Marriage (1933)

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Column— No.	1 When Married	2 Name and Surname	3 Age	4 Condition	5 Rank or Profession	6 Residence at the time of Marriage	7 Father's Name and Surname	8 Rank or Profession of Father
144	<u>Eighteenth</u> <u>February</u> <u>1933</u>	<u>Norman</u> <u>Balterham</u>	<u>27</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Police</u> <u>Sergeant</u> <u>R. A. P. 10.</u> <u>no. 9583508</u>	<u>Record & Pay</u> <u>Office</u> <u>Hounslow.</u>	<u>Ralph Balterham</u> <u>(deceased)</u>	<u>Book & Shoe</u> <u>Retailer</u>
		<u>Cathel May</u> <u>Collins</u>	<u>23</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Spinster</u>		<u>Cheshamstead</u> <u>for Wood Green</u> <u>Cheshamstead</u>	<u>Alfred William</u> <u>Collins</u> <u>(deceased)</u>	<u>Well</u> <u>Borer.</u>

Married in the Registrar Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by benefit of clergy by me, James A. Pearce
This Marriage was solemnized between us, N. Balterham in the Presence of us, E. H. Gray M. B. Barnes Registrar
C. M. Collins J. C. H. Gray

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 18th day of January 2023

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No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
144	Eighteenth February 1933	Norman Latham	27 years	Bachelor	2nd Lieut Sergeant R. A. F. C. no. 9583508	Record & Pay Office Hounslow.	Ralph Latham (deceased)	Book & Shave Retailer
		Kathel May Collins	23 years	Spinster	—	Chesham K. Wood Green Barnet	Alfred William Collins (deceased)	Well Born.

Married in the Registrar Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by beneficial by me

This Marriage was solemnized between us, N. Latham in the Presence of us, James A. Pearce M. B. Jones Registrar
K. M. Collins E. H. J. Gray J. C. H. Gray



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Travel (1935)

MINISTRY OF AIR TRANSPORT

P.M. 21

Name of Ship NEOLTAR

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Date of Departure 21st May, 1935

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Steamship Line P. & O. S. S. Company

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NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LONDON

(1) Contract Ticket Number	(2) Port at which Passenger has contracted to land	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(4) CLASS whether 1st, 2nd, Tourist or 3rd	(5) AGE OF PASSENGERS						(6) Last Address in the United Kingdom	(7) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passenger	(8) Country of Last Permanent Residence*					(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*
				Under 12 years and over 12		12 years and over 12		12 years and over 12				England	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	Other	
	BOMBAY	WIGHTMAN Edwin	2		53					"Savoy Hotel" 22, Strand, London W.C.2.	Telegraph Eng.	1					India
	COLOMBO	WALLACE Marian	2		25					Shawe, Barton, Middleth:	Nil				1		Ceylon
		Shirley	2						11a"	"	"				1		"
		GRIFF Alise	2		56					"	"				1		"
	TANGIER	WICKER Sybil	2		51					17 The White Gables, Wood Vale, Forest Hill, 17, paston Pl, Brighton.	Nil				1		Morocco
	BOMBAY	WILSON Cora	2		28					118, Sutherland Av. W.5.	Hairstresser	1					India
	BOMBAY	WILSON Effie	2		34					118, Sutherland Av. W.5.	School Teacher	1					"
	MANCHESTER	WILTAKER Shirley	1		27					Jewish Maternity Hospital Underwood Street, S.	Midwife	1					England
		WILLIAMS Gertrude	1		35					27, Wilton Rd, Manchester	Nil	1					"
	STINKY	WILKINSON Nora	2		35					c/o A. Wilkison, Dunera House, Barayich, Cornwall	Nurse				1		New Guinea
	TANGIER	YOUNG Margaret	2		47					18, Bedford Rd, Strand W.C.2.	Dress Designer	1					England
		Pennett Mabel	2		45					18, Bedford Rd, Strand W.C.2.	Civil Servant	1					"
	ADEN	YOUNG Neville	1		30					24, Sutherland Av. W.5.	Electrician	1					High Seas
	BOMBAY	OUTWIN Philip	2		28					24, Sutherland Av. W.5.	Salesman	1					India
	KARACHI	MARTIN Elsie	1		36					c/o Mrs. Widdow, The New Cottage, Howledge, Farnham	Nil	1					England
		Barry	1		11					"	"	1					"
		Denny	1		7					"	"	1					"
	GISSALTA	CATERHAM Ethel	1		25					93, Barrack Rd, Hounslow	Nil	1					Gibraltar
		Ethel	1		2					"	"	1					"
	BOMBAY	MITCHEL Albert	1		52					23, Waterford St, Dublin	Manufacturer	1			1		Ireland
	COCHIN	SHILLAGH	2		26					96, Queensgate, S.W.	Nil	1					India
	GISSALTA	CARRARA Wilfrid	1		25					15, Chayne Row, S.W.3.	Student	1					Gibraltar
	TANGIER	WALLER Edward	1		60					Charing Cross Station Hill	Hotel Director	1					Morocco
	BOMBAY	WISOLSON George	2		51					49, Lyon St, Dundee	Jute Mill Ass.	1					India
	TANGIER	WORTHINGTON William	1		54					Victoria Hotel, Northumbria, N.C.	Director	1					Morocco
		Kathie	1		42					"	Nil	1					"
		Henry	1		21					"	Secretary	1					"
	MANCHESTER	Scott-James Selie	1		56					36, Chapter Place, W.1.	Journalist	1					England
	GISSALTA	BROTH Charles	2		66					Pantiles Burnham on Crouch	Chemist	1					"
		HASSAN Joshua	2		19					26, Elgin Avenue, W.1.	Student	1					Gibraltar
	BOMBAY	PEARSON Madeline	1		53					36, Senn Ode, Hammameth Hill	"	1					Bombay
	MANCHESTER	SHINDALL Florence	1		53					Strouds Hill, Sayre Comm	"	1					England
	BOMBAY	SHERRARD Frederick	2		45					3, Park Rd, W.1.	Asst Engineer	1					India
		Kathleen	2		35					"	Nil	1					"
		Harriet	2		11					"	Nil	1					"
		Daphne	2		10					"	Nil	1					"
		Frederick	2		5					"	"	1					"



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		Barry	1	11	110 Mrs. Seddon, 110 New Cottage, Howledge, Farnham	"
		Denys	1	7	"	"
GIBRALTAR	CATERHAM	Ethel	1	25	93, Barrack Rd, Hounslow	Nil
q		Ethel	1	2	"	"
	MITCHEL	Albert	1	52	23, Waterford St, Dublin	Manufacturer
BOMBAY	CONRY	Sheilagh	2	26	96, Queensgate, S.W.	Nil
GIBRALTAR	CANNARA	Wilfrid	1	2922	15, Chayne Row, S.W.3.	Student
TANGIER	WALLER	Edward	1	60	Charing Cross Station Htl	Hotel Director
BOMBAY	NICOLSON	George	2	51	49, Lyon St, Dundee	Jute Mill ASS:



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Travel (1957)

OUT-GOING PASSENGERS
 "OXFORDSHIRE"
 Name of Ship: **BIRBY BROS. & CO.**
 Owner or Agent: _____
 Date of Departure: **28th FEBRUARY, 1957**
 Where Bound: **FOR EAST**

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First Schedule

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND IRISH REPUBLICAN PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL

(1) Contract Ticket Number	(2) Names of Passengers (Surname first)	(3) Class of Ticket	(4) Port of call to which passenger has booked to land	(5) Sex (M. or F.)	(6) Date of Birth (Adults 12 years and over Children between 1 and 12 years Infants under 1 year to be stated separately)	(7) Married or Single (Indicate if divorced or remarried in last marriage)	(8) Address in the United Kingdom	(9) Occupation (i.e. Profession, calling, or kind of work done either in the industry in which engaged)	(10) Country of which a citizen as shown on passport (If citizen of U.K. and Colonies state the country of home of passport)	(11) Country of last permanent residence*	(12) Country of intended home residence*
34087	HUTTEN, Miss Melanie, Jane Graham.	1st	Singapore	F	18.2.53	S	Abbey Street, Wuxson, Warwickshire.	- 19 ✓	U.K. England	England	Malaya
34087	HUTTEN, Miss Charlotte, Ann Graham.	1st	-do-	F	2.5.55	S	-do-	-	U.K. England	England	-do-
34090	HUTTEN, Mrs Elizabeth, William	1st	-do-	F	8.10.19	M	452 Downham Way Brimsley, Leam.	Housewife & 1 ✓	U.K. England	Germany	-do-
34090	HUTTEN, Miss Jeanette, William	1st	-do-	F	13.10.41	S	-do-	-	U.K. England	Germany	-do-
34090	HUTTEN, Mrs. Keith, Michael.	1st	-do-	M	4.9.47	S	-do-	- 13 ✓	U.K. England	Germany	-do-
34090	HUTTEN, Mrs. Peter Phillip	1st	-do-	M	7.7.49	S	-do-	-	U.K. England	Germany	-do-
34090	HUTTEN, Miss Michelle, William	1st	-do-	F	12.8.54	S	-do-	- 20 ✓	U.K. England	Germany	-do-
34148	LONG, Mrs Dorothy, Jean.	3rd	Hong Kong	F	5.7.30	M	34 Bridgewater Rd. South Malslip, Wiltshire.	Housewife	U.K. England	England	Hong Kong
34148	LONG, Miss Ann Barbara.	3rd	-do-	F	4.8.49	S	-do-	- 23 ✓	U.K. England	England	-do-
34148	LONG, Miss Susan, Patricia	3rd	-do-	F	7.6.53	S	-do-	-	U.K. England	England	-do-
34150	CATHERHAM, Mrs Ethel, May.	1st	-do-	F	21.9.09	M	"Glenville", 24 Bedford Ave. Salisbury, Wilts.	Housewife 14 ✓	U.K. England	England	-do-
34156	CATHERHAM, Mrs Ethel, May.	1st	-do-	F	21.9.09	M	-do-	Chemist & Export General.	U.K. England	England	-do-
34114	CLAPPERTON, Mrs Olive, Elizabeth	3rd	Singapore	F	26.6.33	M	15 Kingston Rd. Deekham, Gathead.	Domestic	U.K. England	Scotland	Singapore (Malaya)
34114	CLAPPERTON, Miss Christine.	3rd	-do-	F	25.1.35	S	-do-	- 16 ✓	U.K. England	Scotland	-do-
34082	CAIRNS, Mrs Nolan.	1st	-do-	F	6.6.16	M	15 Elmwood Ave. Feltham, Middlesex.	Housewife	U.K. Scotland	England	-do-
34082	CAIRNS, Miss Nolan, Jane, Margaret.	1st	-do-	F	24.9.54	S	-do-	- 1 ✓	U.K. England	England	-do-
34170	WOMER, Mrs Dorothy, Lorna	1st	-do-	F	18.5.30	M	Garth Mear, Castle Carrock, Cumbria.	Housewife	U.K. England	England	-do-
34166	LOVEBOND, Mrs Dilys, May.	3rd	-do-	F	19.6.37	M	49 Church Street, Ynysyl, Mr. Pontypool, Glam.	Housewife 1 ✓	U.K. England	Wales	-do-
34165	STODDEN, Mrs Kathleen, Esther	1st	Hong Kong	F	18.12.04	M	The Rutfield Club, 93 Eastern Sq. London S.W.1.	Housewife	U.K. England	England	Hong Kong
34164	O'BRIEN, Mrs Hilda.	3rd	Singapore	F	28.7.27	M	10/o Storey, 68 Bury Hall Lane, Gosport.	Housewife 2 ✓	U.K. England	England	Singapore
34164	O'BRIEN, Mrs. Michael, John.	3rd	-do-	M	5.5.53	S	-do-	-	U.K. England	England	-do-
34164	O'BRIEN, Mrs. Kevin, Paul.	3rd	-do-	M	15.5.56	S	-do-	- 4 ✓	U.K. England	England	-do-
34163	MATTHEWS, Mrs	3rd	-do-	F	19.7.38	M	48 Water Bridge, Farnham.	Housewife	U.K. England	England	-do-



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	Dorothy, Jean.							Ruislip, Middx.	
8	LONG, Miss	3rd	-do-	F	4.8.49		B	-do-	- 43 ✓
	Ann Barbara.								
8	LONG, Miss	3rd	-do-	F	7.6.53		B	-do-	-
	Susan, Patricia								
168	CATHERHAM, Mrs	1st	-do-	F	21.9.09		M	"Glenville", 24 Burford Ave. Salisbury, Wilts.	Housewife 24 92
	Ethel, May.								
4168	CATHERHAM, Miss	1st	-do-	F	10.1.37		B	-do-	Chemist-Experi-
	Ann.								mental.
114	CLAPPERTON, Mrs	3rd	Singapore	F	26.6.33.		M	15 Kingston Rd. Beckham, Gateshead.	Domestic
	Olive, Elizabeth								
114	CLAPPERTON, Miss	3rd	-do-	F	23.4.56 23.1.56		B	-do-	- 46 ✓
	Christine.								



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Travel (1960)

IN-COMING PASSENGERS

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACTS, 1894-1952.

H. M. Cantina, Brazil

Second Schedule

Return of Passengers brought to the United Kingdom who Embarked at Ports out of Europe

NOTES

(1) The expression "EUROPE" includes all islands in the MEDITERRANEAN SEA, all ports in the REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, and all ports in the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS other than those ports on the PACIFIC OCEAN coast thereof.

(2) All Passengers who Embarked at Ports in EUROPE should be included in this schedule and included in the trunk schedule.

(3) In the case of those ships engaged in pleasure cruises starting and ending in the UNITED KINGDOM, the full particulars required by this form should be furnished only in respect of those passengers who embark out of EUROPE and who disembark in the UNITED KINGDOM.

(4) Passengers in each class of accommodation should be entered in separate groups.

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Ship's name: "ROSE FORD"

Gross tonnage: 19116.05

Date of arrival: 27th January 1960

Owner or agent: Ministry of Transport

Summary of Passengers

Total number of adults of 12 years and over: 127

Total number of children between 1 and 12 years: 11

Total number of infants under 1 year: 15

GRAND TOTAL: 153

I hereby certify that the following is a correct list of the Names and Descriptions of all Passengers brought to the United Kingdom in the Ship.

for United Kingdom disembarked on the 26th January 1960

Signed: *[Signature]* Master Date: 27th January 1960

Before the words following if all passengers disembarked at one port:

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AND IRISH REPUBLICAN PASSENGERS LANDED AT THE PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Name of passenger (Surname first)	Class of Ticket	Port of Embarkation	Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	Age at arrival	Sex	Married (If so, name of husband or spouse as shown on document)	Address in the United Kingdom	Occupation (If not stated, state "Unemployed")	Country of birth (If not stated, state "Unknown")	Country of last residence (If not stated, state "Unknown")	Country of origin (If not stated, state "Unknown")	If visiting the United Kingdom for 12 months or less, state the date of departure from the UK
CANTINA Ethel	1st	Hong Kong	21.6.19		F		"Hillside", Bedford Ave, Salisbury, Wilt.	Housewife	UK	London	England	
WIDGES Violet	"	"	4.9.28		F		"Woodland Cottage", Horton, Wiltshire, Somerset.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Nigel	"	"	22.1.47		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
MACLEOD Mrs	"	"	16.5.52		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
BRIDGES Bridget	"	"	1.9.23		F		24, St James Road, Ipswich, Suff.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Peter	"	"	12.4.54		M		"	Child	"	"	"	
" Richard	"	"	12.6.56		M		"	Child	"	"	"	
" Anthony	"	"	12.6.56		M		"	Child	"	"	"	
" Susan	"	"	17.1.53		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
WATTS Edith	"	"	22.9.20		F		24, St James Road, Ipswich, Suff.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" John	"	"	2.4.56		M		"	Child	"	"	"	
THOMAS Mary	"	"	13.9.20		F		The Pelly, South Lynn Drive, Southport, Sussex.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Elizabeth	"	"	6.1.53		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
SMITH Margaret	"	"	13.11.20		F		14, Kellington Ave, Hopton, London E8.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Peter	"	"	9.9.46		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Veronica	"	"	12.9.53		F		"	Child	"	"	"	
SMITH Barbara	"	"	29.12.21		F		"	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Leslie	"	"	12.3.47		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Malcolm	"	"	15.6.48		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
STEWART Michael	2nd	"	15.7.20		M		27 Married Families Hostel, Southend, Essex.	Housewife	"	"	Belgium	3 months
" Roger	"	"	24.1.48		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Philip	"	"	23.7.49		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Paul	"	"	30.8.50		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Lynsey	"	"	18.3.52		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
STEWART Phyllis	"	"	2.12.26		F		Union Fam. Families Club, Haverhill, London.	Housewife	"	"	England	
" Carol	"	"	27.12.48		F		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Steven	"	"	12.6.51		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Judith	"	"	1.3.58		F		"	Child	"	"	"	
WATTS David	"	"	1.3.55		M		25, Midland Terrace, Long Sutton, Lincs.	Housewife	"	"	"	
" Susan	"	"	9.6.57		F		"	Child	"	"	"	
SMITH Rose	3rd	"	31.8.28		F		211 Park, Chilthorne Manor, Wiltshire, Somerset.	Housewife	"	"	UK	
" Robert	"	"	15.1.54		M		"	Student	"	"	"	
" Marilyn	"	"	1.9.56		F		"	Child	"	"	"	
SMITH Gertrude	"	"	13.4.38		F		4, Winfield St, off Crispin Road, Belfast, Ireland.	Housewife	"	"	Germany	9 weeks
SMITH Marie	"	"	7.7.55		F		"	Housewife	"	"	"	

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(1) Names of passengers (Surname first)	(2) Class of Travel	(3) Port of Embarkation	(4) Sex (M or F)	(5) Date of Birth			(6) Married or Single (Widowed or divorced to be entered as single)	(7) Address in the United Kingdom	(8) Occupation (i.e. Prof. calling, or of work, trade, industry, etc.)
				Adults of 12 years and over	Children between 1 and 12 years	Infants under 1 year			
1. CATEHAM Ethel	1st	Hong Kong	F	21.8.89			M	"Glenville", Burford Ave, Salisbury, Wilts.	Housewife
2. HIGGS Violet	"	"	F	4.9.22			M	"Somerset Cottage", Horton, Nr. Ilminster, Somerset.	Housewife
3. " Nigel	"	"	M	22.3.47			S	"	Student
4. BEECHINGHAM Donna	"	"	F		16.5.52		S	"	Student
5. HUGGINS Bridget	"	"	F	1.9.23			M	No.20 Families Hotel, Dover, Kent.	Housewife
6. " Peter	"	"	M		12.8.54		S	"	Child
7. " Richard	"	"	M		12.8.54		S	"	Child
8. " Anthony	"	"	M						



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Ethel Caterham immediate family

Father: Alfred Willie Collins (November 20 1867 – Q2 1927).

Mother: Fanny Elizabeth Collins, nee Shears (December 23 1867 – January 17 1951).

Siblings:

1: Norman Mark Collins (July 1896 – August 10 1915). Age 19

2: **Gladys Maud Collins (December 21 1897 – March 9 2002). Age 104**

3: Lester Charles Collins (February 21 1901 – February 12 1992). Age 90

4: Cyril William Collins (June 25 1903 – July 1984). Age 81

5: Norah Emily Collins (June 15 1905 – May 4 1972). Age 66

6: Evelyn Della Collins (April 22 1907 – May 2 2003). Age 96

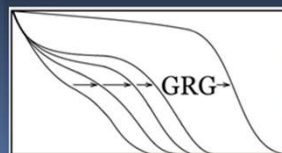
7: **Ethel May Collins (August 21, 1909 – PRESENT) Age 116+**

8: Douglas Collins (October 15 1911 – December 28 1990). Age 79

Children:

Daughter: Ethel (“Gem”) Caterham (July 11 1933 – January 2005). Age 71

Daughter: Anne Caterham: (March 10 1936 – February 2020). Age 83



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VALIDATION SUMMARY

TIMELINE OF LIFE EVENTS (data consistent; data unrelated; spelling issue; data inconsistent)

P: parents ; EP: event's place ; BP: birthplace ; S: spouse ; Sb: siblings ; Ch: children

Year	Name	Event	Unique Identifiers
September 22 nd 1909	Ethel May Collins	Birth certificate / registration	BP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. EP: Andover, Hampshire, England, UK. P: Alfred Willie and Fanny Collins.
April 2 nd 1911	Ethel Collins	1911 UK census	BP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. EP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. P: William and Fanny Collins. Sb: Gladys, Lester, Cyril, Norah and Evelyn Collins
June 19 th 1921	Ethel Collins	1921 UK census	BP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. EP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. P: Alfred Willie Collins. Sb: Cyril, Norah, Evelyn and Douglas.
May 1930	Ethel May Collins	Passenger list	BP: <u>Shipton Bellinger</u> , Hampshire, England, UK. EP: <u>Hongkong</u> – Liverpool.
February 18 th 1933	Ethel May Collins	Marriage certificate	EP: <u>Brentford</u> , Middlesex, England, UK. P: Alfred William Collins. S: Norman <u>Caterham</u> .
May 31 st 1935	Ethel <u>Caterham</u>	Passenger list	EP: London – Gibraltar. Ch: Ethel <u>Caterham Jr.</u>
February 28 th 1957	Ethel May <u>Caterham</u>	Passenger list	EP: England – Far East.
January 29	Ethel <u>Caterham</u>	Passenger	EP: <u>Hongkong</u> – London.



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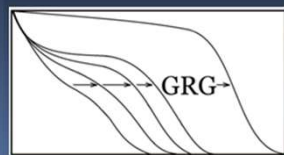
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All the unique identifiers, pointed out above, are consistent in each obtained document. Considering this, it has been proven beyond reasonable doubt that the gathered documentation concerns one and the same person, Ethel May Collins, who later became known as Ethel May Caterham.

There are no issues found in the documentation analysis.

The name change from Collins to Caterham is confirmed by the marriage record.



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Ethel May Caterham, nee Collins (1909 - present)

AGE VALIDATION (claimed birthdate (August 21st 1909); data consistent; **lower age documented**; **higher age documented**)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sort of document</u>	<u>Documented age/date of birth</u>	<u>Record accords with</u>
September 22 nd 1909	Birth Cert	Born August 21 st 1909, registered September 22 nd 1909	August 21 st 1909
April 2 nd 1911	Census	2	August 21 st 1909
June 19 th 1921	Census	11	August 21 st 1909
May 1930	Passenger list	20	August 21 st 1909
February 18 th 1933	Marriage Cert	23	August 21 st 1909
May 31 st 1935	Passenger list	25	August 21 st 1909
February 28 th 1957	Passenger list	September 21 st 1909	September 21 st 1909
January 29 th 1960	Passenger list	August 21 st 1909	August 21 st 1909



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A substantial number of evidences from different periods of Ethel's life mention their age. All obtained records support her claim of birth (August 21st 1909) or explicitly state the date.

Eight documents support Ethel's claim, including three from the 20 years' window.

All considered, it is believed that Ethel May Caterham was born as Ethel May Collins in Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, England, UK on August 9th 1909.

No cases are truly validated.



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STRONG SIDES & WEAK SIDES

Can we exclude some of the most hazardous events that contribute to and increase the risk of age inflation?

Intentional

- ❖ Identity switch?
- ❖ Pension fraud?

Unintentional

- ❖ Age Misreporting?
- ❖ Reflected memory?

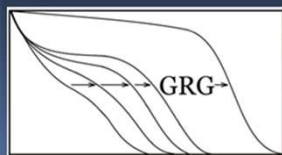


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Strong sides !!

- ❖ Birth covered by on spot record, not census.
- ❖ Census data available.
- ❖ Name change covered by marriage record.
- ❖ Life events proven by respective records.
- ❖ Family tree reconstructed.
- ❖ Longevity present in the closest family.
- ❖ Unique identifiers match with one another.
- ❖ Last daughter born in the family – lesser risk of identity theft.



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Weak sides ?

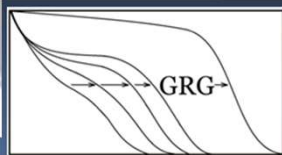
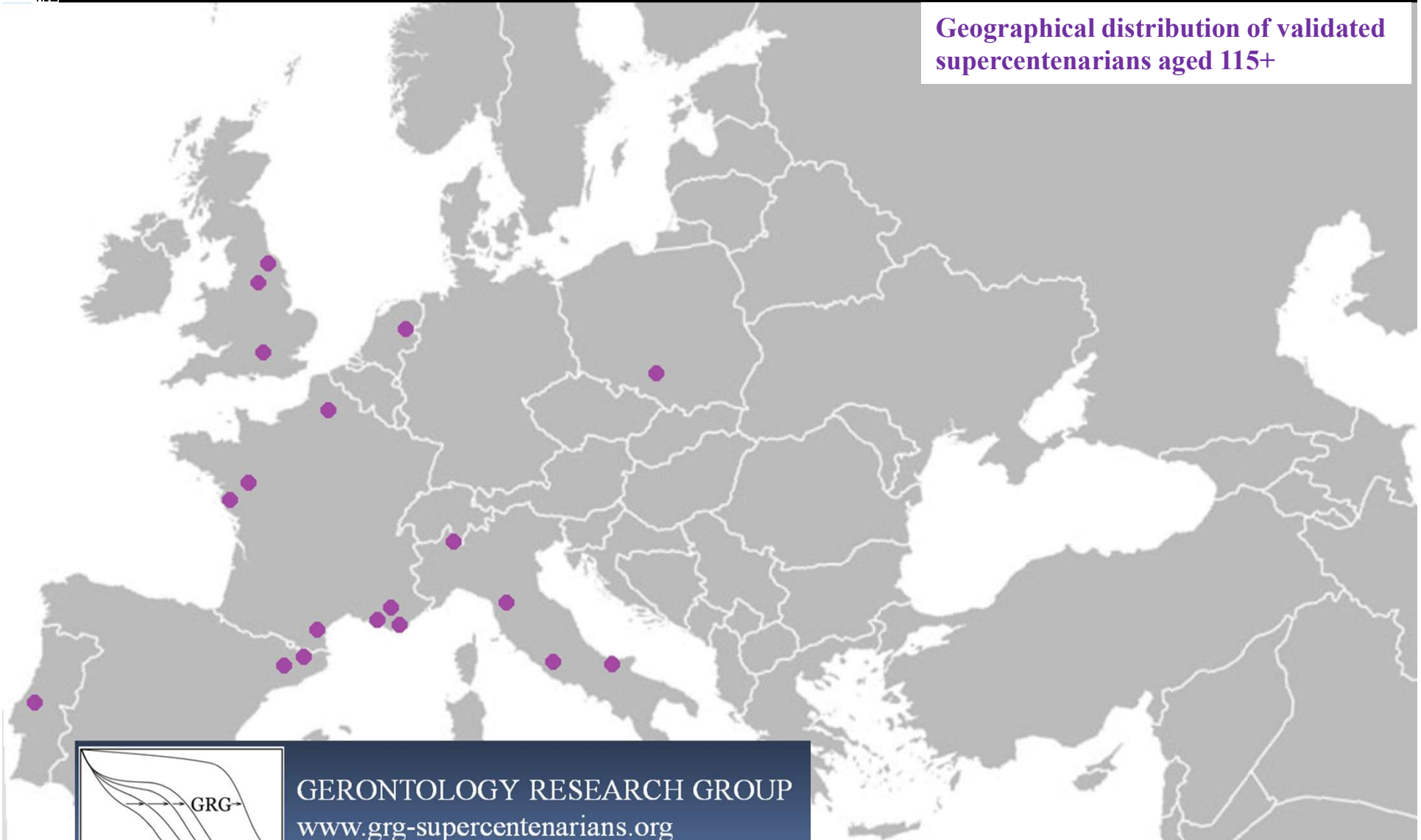
- ❖ No family cooperation on the validation.
- ❖ Gap in documentation between 1935-1957.
- ❖ Gap in documentation 1960 onwards.
- ❖ Inconsistent date of birth mentioned in 1957.
- ❖ No early pictures or photographs of Ethel.
- ❖ Frequent travels of Ethel.
- ❖ Evidence quantity (not quality).



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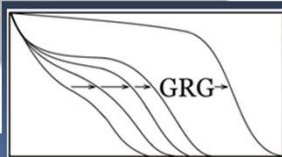
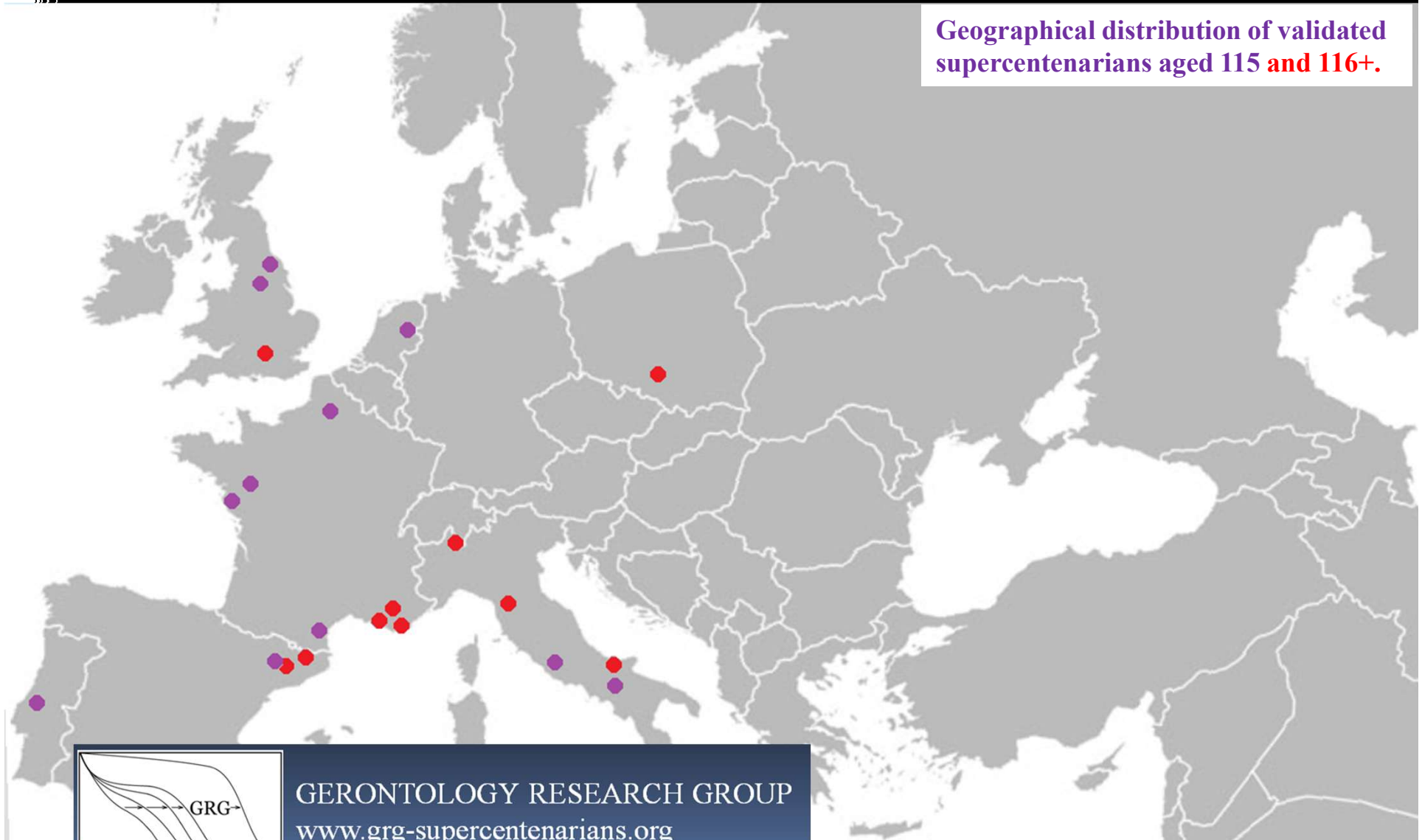
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Geographical distribution of validated
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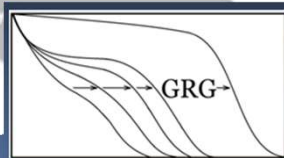


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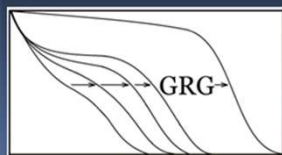
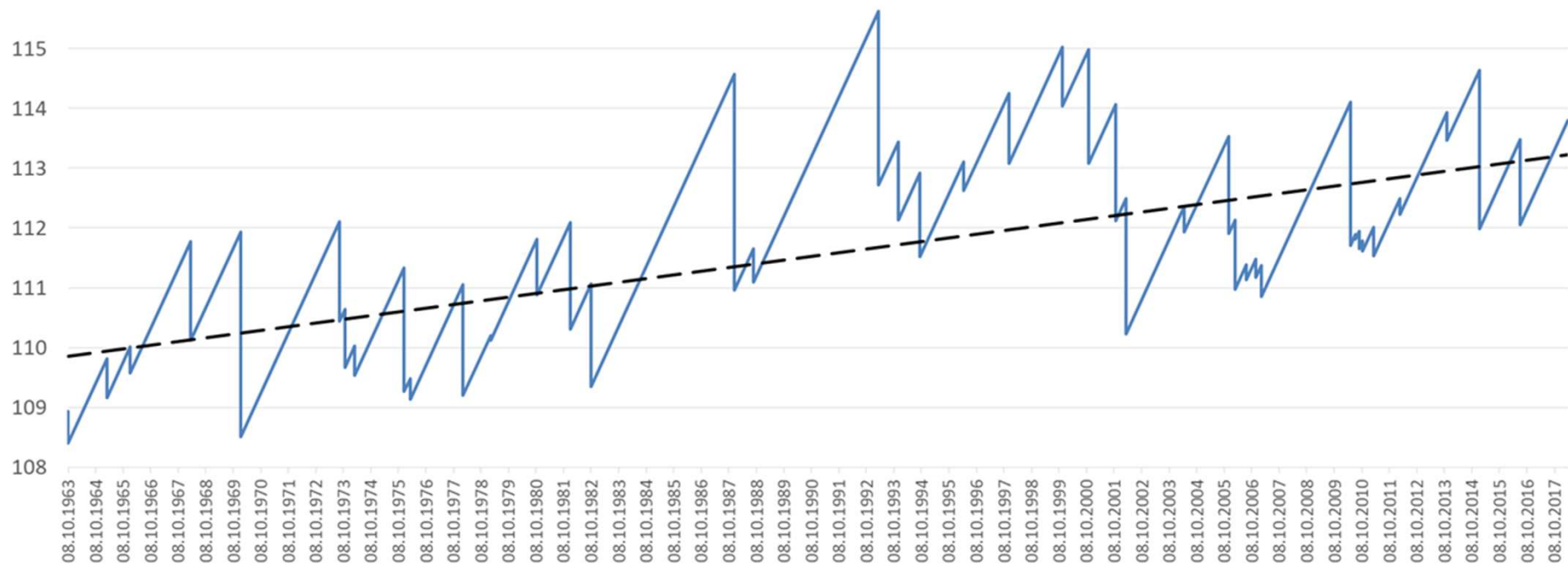
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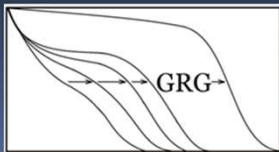
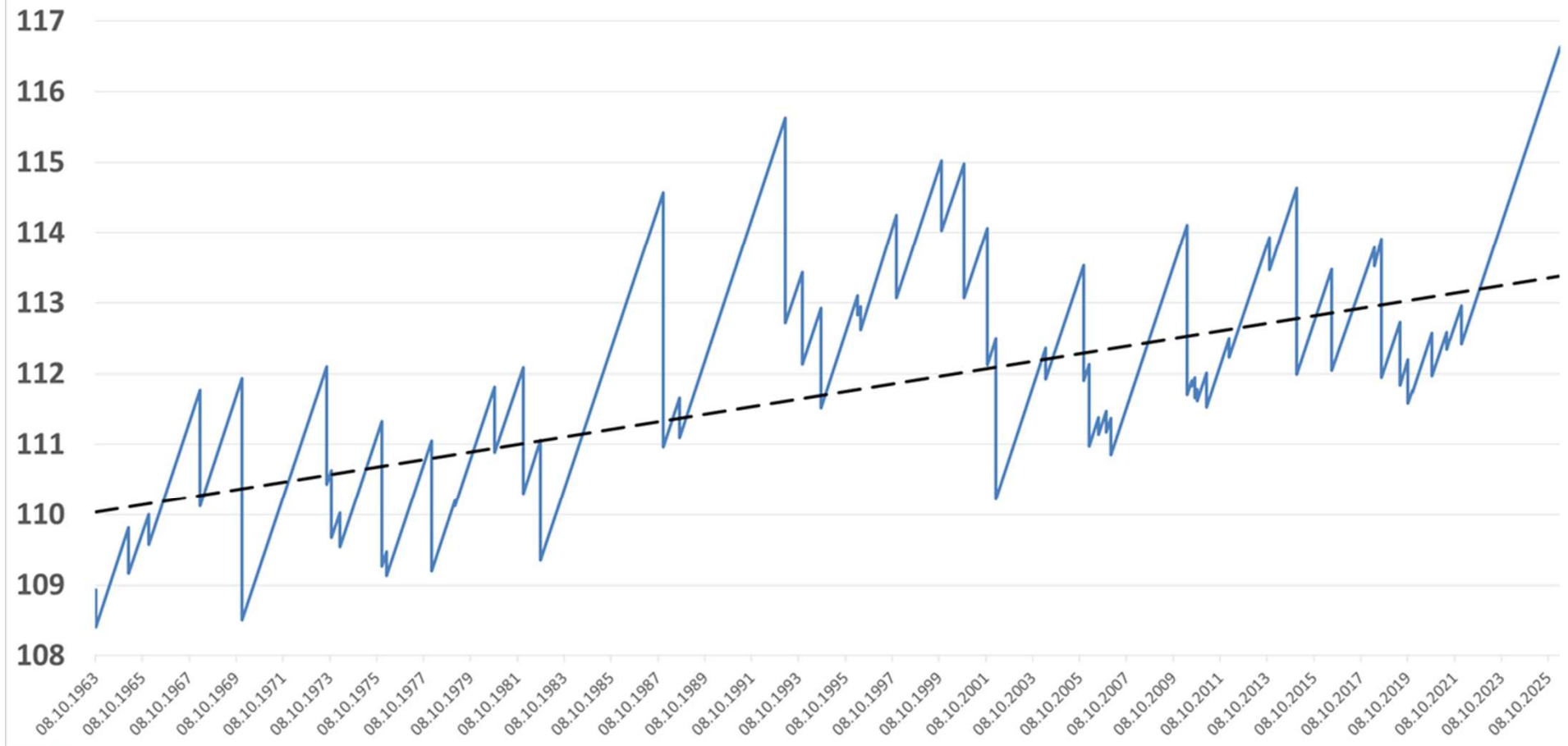
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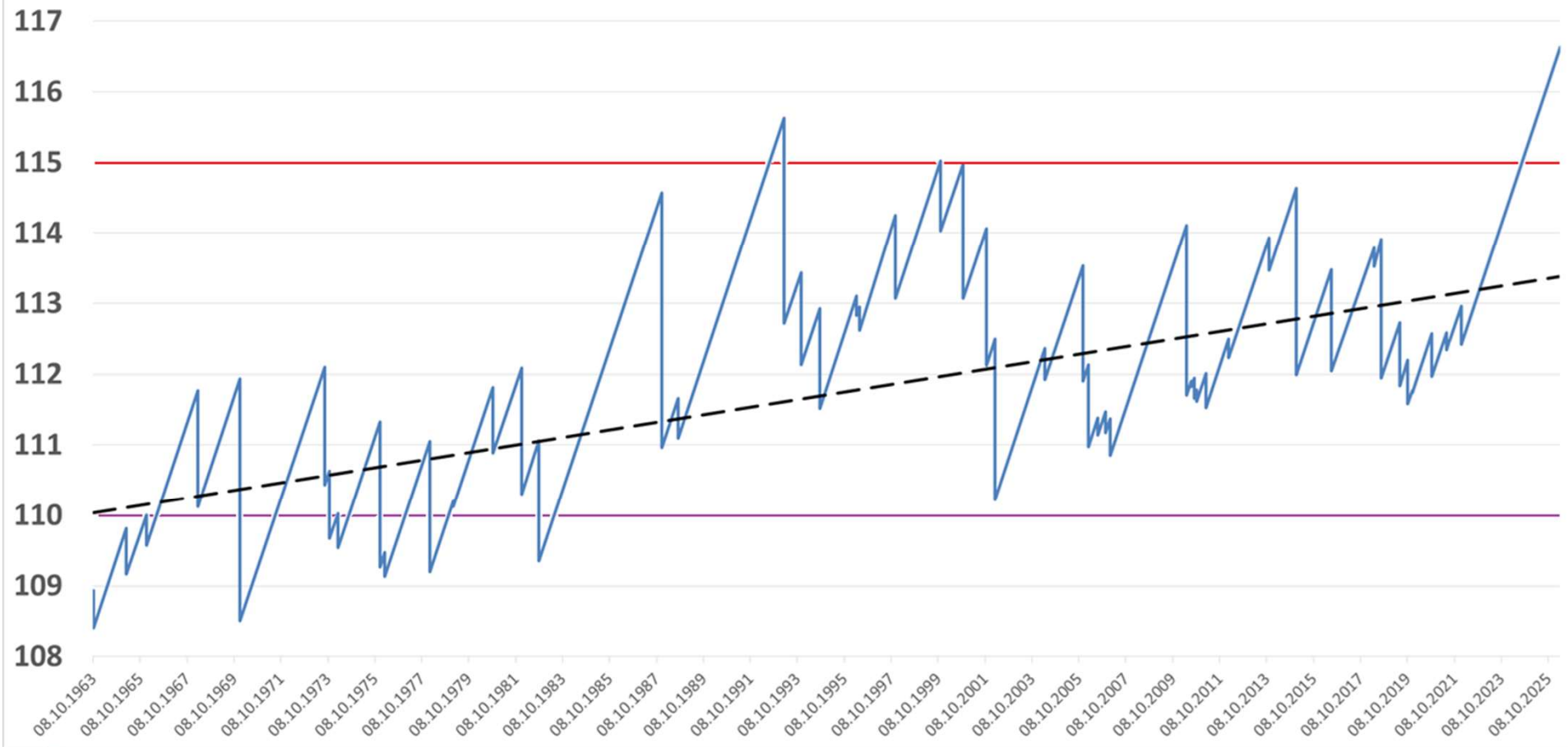
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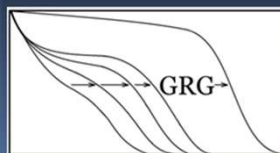
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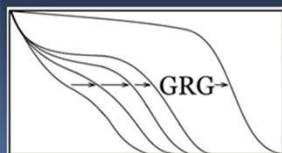
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